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Official opening event planned for Minden arena

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Minden Hills council meeting held virtually on April 14.

The community is invited to an official opening event of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre, to celebrate the new recreation facility.

In his report to council, Craig Belfry, community services director, notes the pandemic resulted in a delay in the official opening of the centre.

"With the lifting of many of the restrictions for the facility, the whole community is now finally invited by the township of Minden Hills to the official opening of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre, on Saturday May 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.," said Belfry. "Beginning at 11:00 a.m., this exciting day will include a piped-in opening ceremony, ribbon cutting, and recognition of the many volunteers that contributed to the project."

Other activities will include a Minden skating show from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., a Highland Storm scrimmage from 12:30 p.m. see **OPENING** page 2



Go Huskies Go!

The Haliburton County Huskies celebrated winning their first series 2 - 1 over the Trenton Golden Hawks on April 14. The win saw the Huskies move on to round two, facing off against the Cobourg Cougars. The winner of the series will claim the East Division and play winner of the North Division series. See page 12 for more. /Photo by Amy Deroche, OJHL Images

Part-time sick leave policy approved by library board

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 13 meeting of the Haliburton County Public Library board.

Part-time employees with the Haliburton County Public Library now have access to 14 hours total sick leave time.

The benefit came into effect March 25, and last week library board members approved a procedural policy to help answer questions

staff might have.

In the policy, Chris Stephenson, library CEO/chief librarian, wrote the sick leave was proposed "as a result of the pandemic and the need for protecting employee health and the

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Easter Bunny hops to Kinmount

The First Easter Bop offered a scavenger hunt and sack race, BBQ and meet and greet with the Easter Bunny on April 16 at the Kinmount fairgrounds, courtesy of the Kinmount and District Lions Club. Here, Avery Overhoff, 8, the Easter Bunny, age unknown, and Stella Overhoff, 6, pose for a photo outside. Avery and Stella, from Brantford, were visiting their Oma./ SUE TIFFIN Staff



Easter gift baskets were available in a draw, courtesy of the Kinmount and District Lions Club.



The Easter Bunny quite happily posed with kids, and sometimes adults, too, at the Kinmount event on April 16.



After meeting the bunny, kids received colouring pages and chocolate goodies prepared with care by the Lions Club.

Opening event will include indoor and outdoor activities

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to 1:30 p.m. and public skating with the Huskies from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Contests, “try it” stations, demonstrations, dressing room tours and Huskies player meets, a scavenger hunt and BBQ will be included at the event, which takes place both inside and outdoors.

“It’s a wonderful day,” said Mayor Brent Devolin. “For some of us, this journey started in 2016.”

He asked that everyone involved “along the way,” who had a formal hand in the arena project - staff, volunteers, construction committees, first and second fundraising committees be invited.

Councillor Jean Neville, who sits on the events committee, said community organizations who use the centre are being offered space – a 10 x 10 area with a six-foot table and chairs – for promotion at the event. She asked that anyone with old Minden Monarchs jerseys or current-day jerseys wear them “with pride.”

Sedgwick Bridge replacement tender awarded

Sedgwick Bridge will be replaced under budget, which Devolin called “a good news story.”

In June 2021, all bids for the replacement of the bridge had come back “well over budget,” according to CAO Trisha McKibbin and the tender was cancelled.

“Bids were presumed to be high due to material and staffing shortages caused by COVID-19,” she told council in her report.

On March 1, the tender was issued again and by March 28, six bids had been received.

The lowest bid, which was accepted, from 2274984 Ontario

Ltd. was \$1,185,270, excluding tax, and the highest was from NUROAD Construction Limited at \$1,899,329, excluding tax.

The item is in the township’s 2022 budget, and ICP funding is available for it.

“This is a good news story,” said Devolin. “It’s a heck of a lot better-looking of a proposal than a year ago, that almost \$1 million is not coming from Minden Hills taxpayers, there’s pennies from heaven and the fact that there’s six bids is wonderful because that certainly wasn’t the case last year.”

Cattle grate footings approved

The cattle grate located on Wessell Road will be completely installed at a much lower cost than was previously estimated.

At meetings in December 2021 and March 2022, township staff reported challenges finding a contractor to install footings on a cattle grate, for which a longstanding agreement exists that the township will maintain it in perpetuity, the estimated cost for the replacement of the grate being \$283,000.

In March this year, staff requested that council proceed with the manufacturing and installation of the grate.

Manufacturing and installation services of the grate for a total amount of \$45,194 by JSW LTD was approved at the March 11 council meeting.

Four Brothers responded to an invitational quotation request for footings installation with the lowest bid, that being \$34,465 including HST.

After approval from council, the associated costs of the project are estimated at \$81,659, which includes restoration of the site at a cost of \$2,000.

The director of finance recommended funds be allocated from reserves in the absence of a departmental surplus.

A plea for patience

“A word to all,” said Devolin in his mayor’s report. “We had 13 days this past winter colder than the coldest day of the year before, and you mix in a little rain, our roads here, Minden Hills, the county and I’ve been around most of Central Ontario in the last couple of weeks, are a mess.”

“Staff is out every day trying to resolve this, just have some patience,” said Devolin. “Some of these roads are still wet and haven’t dried up and the frost completely out of them. It’s a difficult time of year after a difficult winter, and looking out a day like today with some more rain, it’ll slow down the drying out some more.”

Land acknowledgement

As per approval by council at last month’s meeting, a land acknowledgement statement was read prior to the meeting beginning.

“A land acknowledgement statement is one that acknowledges and respects the territory and Indigenous people as the millennia-long stewards of land in a particular geographic area,” reads a report to council from March 31. “Many municipalities, organizations and institutions in Ontario have adopted land acknowledgement statements in recent years.”

The township forms part of the lands covered by the Williams Treaty. The land acknowledgement was developed by Curve Lake First Nation.

Minden meeting recordings available to public

Video recordings of council meetings will be available on the council’s YouTube page after meetings end for one week, giving after-meeting access to the public as has been offered by other municipalities in the county.

County approves climate change adaptation plan

Calls to re-think infrastructure, recreation and health planning

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

A thorough document which details how Haliburton County should re-imagine infrastructure, recreational and health initiatives to cope with changing climate will now guide municipal planning.

It's a needed plan, given that the county is already experiencing more extreme weather events, such as extreme heat days, storms and droughts, all of which threaten the amicable, rural lifestyle the region is known for.

The county's corporate climate change adaptation plan received final approval at council's April 13 virtual meeting, meaning the plan will be shared with the county's four municipalities; Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East and Minden Hills.

The report's approval was anti-climatic, as a motion to accept it passed with no debate or comments, other than offers of congratulations to Haliburton climate change co-ordinator Corey McKay.

However, it was a monumental moment, given that Haliburton County leaders have considered climate change implications with almost every move they've made for several months, dating back to McKay's hiring in 2019. Typically, every request for action that comes to the Haliburton County council table lists how the decision could impact climate change.

The plan lists specific actions the county should take on infrastructure, recreation, health and strategic planning. For example, under infrastructure, action plan 1.3 calls for municipalities to "incorporate green infrastructure and low impact development including permeable pavement, green roofs, rain gardens, and native plants on municipal properties."

Under recreation, action plan 4.1 asks municipalities to "identify public spaces that are at risk of flooding, washouts or oversaturation and prioritize additional drainage measures."

Under health, action 8.1 says municipali-

ties should "continue to use municipal facilities to provide support during extreme weather events" and "consider expanding the number of buildings and hours of operation for cooling and warming centres, or emergency sites during overland flooding and power outages."

The executive summary of the plan notes that "although climate change is occurring globally, the impacts are felt at the local level. The County of Haliburton is experiencing more extreme weather, prolonged heatwaves, flooding events, and milder winters, among other impacts."

The plan stated that 2011-2020 was the warmest decade on record, following a long-term warming trend since pre-industrial levels and that "Haliburton County can expect to see a 2.2C rise in the mean temperature in the immediate future (2021 - 2050) and 4.4C rise in the near future (2051 - 2080)."

On the topic of rain, the plan says "a warmer climate stimulates the evaporation of water and allows the atmosphere to hold

more moisture. This results in a more intense hydrological cycle, with rainfall concentrated in more extreme events with longer dry spells in between."

"Haliburton can expect to see 1044 mm of rain in the immediate future (2021 - 2050) and 1078 mm in the near future (2051 - 2080), compared to a baseline of 981 mm."

Yet, because climate change leads to extreme weather events, projections also call for long dry spells when it's not raining. This will also mean that water levels in rivers and lakes will fluctuate greatly. "Overall we can expect to see higher highs and lower lows," the plan says.

County staff intend for the plan to be a "living document" that is updated based on changes in available information, data, funding and staffing resources.

"This plan is only the start of a process that will require action across all departments and embedding adaptation into operational culture," it says.

New transportation program to drive up employment training numbers

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Haliburton County council hopes a new SIRCH-led transportation program will help get people to the employment training they need and eventually address a skilled labour shortage that's hampering the economy and local employers.

Councillors recently gave a hearty endorsement and financial backing to a new pilot program being led by the well-known social organization, whose long title is Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton.

SIRCH recently leased an eight-person van and hired a driver. The driver can now pick up people, who are enrolled in SIRCH employment training programs, but don't have their own means of transportation, and get them to their training.

SIRCH, based at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton, runs programs for local residents

who are preparing to enter the workforce, including the Cook It Up program and Ready for Retail.

The hope is that now more people in remote, rural areas will have access to training for the fields of hospitality, retail and carpentry and, eventually, access to employment.

"We often hear that businesses struggle to find good employees," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, while promoting the program to councillors at their April 13 virtual meeting. The program, he said, "connects a lot of dots."

Rutter was speaking following a delegation by Janine Mitchell, the manager of human services for the City of Kawartha Lakes, which is also a partner in the project.

Councillors eventually supported the recommendation to fund \$20,000 towards the pilot project.

Council had already put aside \$200,000 over the past four years for a transportation program; it was just waiting for the right mod-

el to come along.

Rutter said when he heard about the program from Mitchell it was quite timely because, under provincial funding formulas, municipalities are given incentives for creating transportation programs. By supporting the program, Haliburton County may be eligible to receive more gas tax funding by 2023.

Because of this, no councillor showed any objection and the vote passed unanimously.

"For \$20,000, it's a pretty cheap ticket for us to get our toe in the water," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

A report to council indicated how the program will work.

"The driver is available to pick up in the morning and drop [participants] off at the end of the training day. This service will extend through the two-to 16-week training programs as well as for the first three months of placement or employment, following training, a period that is crucial to successful long-term employment.

"There is no fee while individuals are attending training. In addition to simply providing a way to get to training or work, the driver will assist individuals to find longer term solutions to transportation. That might be locating someone to share a ride, helping the trainee get a licence, or helping them find an affordable way to get their car or truck on the road."

SIRCH has also projected several outcomes of the pilot project. The organization believes the program will provide training and employment to 20 people who would not receive it otherwise.

It also believes that anywhere from six to 15 Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program recipients per week will benefit from transportation to meetings and appointments to assist with stability supports.

The report to council also noted that, if successful, the pilot program could be expanded to serve other service areas such as the Youth Hub and organizations that support mental health.

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April 20 – Special Council Meeting
– 4th Round Budget Deliberation
April 28 – Regular Council Meeting

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School bus driver shortage 'continues to be a challenge'

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on April 12.

Haliburton County's school board trustee Gary Brohman asked about bus driver shortages, how they were being handled, and their impact on students who need transportation for extracurricular activities, noting he'd had discussions recently with parents who had expressed concern about the issue.

"Do we have enough? Are we using our bus companies, or charter, or are parents driving?" asked Brohman.

Superintendent Tim Ellis said bus drivers are not employed by the board, and that it's the responsibility of operators to hire those employees.

"The driver shortage due to COVID was very apparent at the beginning of the year and continues to be a challenge," Ellis told the board. "Finding bus drivers, particularly in areas such as Haliburton, is very difficult for our providers."

Brohman asked if bus driver companies advertise for bus drivers locally, and Ellis said he believed they do. He said the operators were doing the best they could to retain drivers and support extracurricular activities.

Superintendent Kim Williams said extracurricular coaches were "working quite hard," on arranging transportation to take students to and from after school activities and events, first checking with bus companies, and if that is not an option due to the driver shortages, looking to parent volunteers



TLDSB educators from across the board took part in a director's panel on the OHRC Right to Read Report, on April 8. "The important work taking place today will support the development of an evidence-based reading model for TLDSB," read a post on the board's social media page. /Photo from TLDSB

who have completed the necessary paperwork to help.

Brohman asked if there was an honorarium for parents driving, and Williams said, "Each school handles that differently, we leave it up to them to manage their budgets, and they are entitled to do that."

Absence rate percentages under 30 per cent threshold

"We haven't had a lot of issues where we've had to consider moving classes online but I would say we've had five or six situations where we've had to do that," said Wes Hahn, director, in his report to the board.

"We're cautious about that, we know that

if we see sudden spikes in schools as I described before we're going to be cautious and move them online. Right now, at this point in time we are managing it and we hope that it starts to subside, because it does create stress within a building. At this point we're not dealing with widespread online classes, but we're monitoring it on a day-to-day basis."

Hahn said "for the most part" schools across the board have stayed below the 30 per cent threshold for absences. He thanked superintendents and parents and families for screening and keeping their kids home while ill.

As of an April 14 update reporting the percentage of staff and students being absent at each school, percentage rates are as follows: Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 16.4

per cent; Cardiff Elementary School, 13.3 per cent; Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 19.3 per cent; J. Douglas Hodgson, 14 per cent; Stuart Baker Elementary School, 15.6 per cent and Wilberforce Elementary School, 13.3 per cent.

School rental available again

Since March, community use of schools has been available again, with school facilities in the area open for rentals by community groups for programming.

"With the recent lifting of restrictions by the province, the board has been able to allow community use of its facilities once again," said Tim Ellis, superintendent of business services, in his report to the board. "Groups offering programs such as youth basketball, community yoga, seniors fitness classes, etc., are able to once again obtain permits to use our facilities." Some schools only allow rentals on weekends, he said, while others only allow rental of outdoor spaces at this time. Ellis said there were currently 76 active permits.

Rental rates were brought to cost recovery rates in May 2021, said Ellis, with some fees implemented and some existing fees increased to help cover costs to the board – not generate revenue – in providing the space.

"For example, new rates were used when providing community use permits to area health units carrying out vaccination clinics in our school facilities for their area community," said Ellis in his report.

TLDSB does not charge users for custodial fees for weekday rentals, unlike other boards in the area, and provides a heavily discounted rate for not-for-profit groups.

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Leave can be used for sickness, caregiving, appointments

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well-being of our library colleagues.”

“It’s one way that employers can a) show that they care about all of their employees, and b) incentivize people to stay home when they’re sick so it doesn’t lead to an outbreak amongst all of our staff,” he told the board. “If someone has a more precarious situation with respect to part-time hours, they may feel compelled to come in even if they’re not feeling well.”

All part-time library employees will receive 14 hours total sick leave time at the beginning of each calendar year – a total of seven hours can be carried over into the following year, to a maximum of 21 hours max accumulation. The leave can be used for the employee to care for an immediate family member who is sick, with approval, to stay home if sick themselves, or to attend treatment sessions or surgeries. Generally, the longest shift a part-time employee has is six hours long.

“As an employer, we’re not required [under the Employment Standards Act] to offer sick leave benefits for part-time staff,” Stephenson told the *Times*. “However, as I said in the meeting, we want to ensure that staff are able to make choices to stay home if they are sick, so that our workplace stays healthy.”

The board had questions about how the process worked as sick days are offered upon employment as opposed to being accumulated like vacation days, but were all supportive of the benefit.

“I like the idea,” said Dysart et al Mayor and board vice-chair Andrea Roberts. “We

have a very small staff, we want to be a reputable employer who looks after their staff ... You can’t wait until someone gets sick to earn sick days ... I really believe as an employer that this is the better policy.”

“This is exactly why this is in place and I agree 100 per cent,” said board member David O’Byrne. “We should not change this at all.”

Board member Curry Humphreys, who has an extensive human resources background, said she appreciates that a total of seven hours can be carried over to the following year.

“I think rollovers are really, really good because what they do is allow an employee who only gets two days in sick time to hold it over until they’re really, really sick, with some sort of catastrophic illness or other,” she said. “It will really help those employees when they have something serious come up, I’m not talking about a snuffle or a headache, I’m talking about a significant time, they can build up a bank that makes a big difference in their lives. It’s a good thing.”

“I have to say, I think this is really great,” said board chair Sally Howson. “There are so few organizations that do this for their part-time employees, and I think it’s wonderful.”

“This policy, and the idea for the benefit, was very much borne out of a need, given the pandemic that came along and changed the workplace in so many ways,” said Stephenson.

Gas mileage increase matched to county rate

At the March 16 meeting of the library

board, the board supported Stephenson in increasing the mileage rate from 45 cents per kilometre to 59 cents, reviewing that rate in a month’s time. The joint council recommended rate is 57.5 cents and the Canada Revenue Agency recommended rate is 61 cents.

After that meeting, the county also increased the mileage rate, to 61 cents per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres and 55 cents for distances after, according to CRA reasonable allowance rates.

The library board agreed last week to increase the rate to 61 cents, as per the CRA recommended rate.

“I just think for consistency’s sake we should probably do the same as the county,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor, County Warden and board member Liz Danielsen.

Presenting on a library vehicle

Stephenson presented, for information only, on his proposal to one day procure a library courier/programming vehicle.

While previously the library’s courier used their own vehicle, Stephenson said for numerous reasons, including access and ownership of the vehicle, it was more appropriate for the library to have their own vehicle as other library systems do.

“Our library system makes the top three list of county library systems that serve the largest geography

in all of Ontario,” said Stephenson. In Simcoe County, librarians said their delivery van is their “most visible” service, said Stephenson, as it provides advertising while transporting materials and operating as a

bookmobile. In Bruce County, more of an RV is used to help offer a library on location when needed.

Stephenson said besides promoting the library by being visible throughout the community, a vehicle could help run pop-up programs, take part in events such as Stanhope Heritage Day, move furniture around and transport items across the system, and deliver materials.

Couriers hired to work with HCPL shouldn’t have to put “wear and tear” on their own vehicles, said Stephenson. He also said through the last hiring process he learned that without a library vehicle, the employee had to provide the right type of vehicle for the role. For the HCPL to maintain presence as an equitable employer and not discriminate against potential employees whose vehicle might limit them to the job, a library vehicle was required.

Stephenson said currently the library is borrowing a county vehicle until Sept. 1.

“The very idea that we’re thinking about buying a vehicle at all is something we need to think about and process, it’s a new idea,” said Danielsen. “To be quite honest when I first heard that we were thinking of buying a vehicle I thought, well, that’s just crazy. But I don’t think it’s so crazy anymore. Having listened to your presentation, the thoughts, what we could possibly do with it in the future, I think it’s worth considering.”

Humphreys thanked Stephenson for the information, and said the vehicle should assist in reaching a strategic objective, which hasn’t yet been settled on by the board.

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Making it work

STAFF SHORTAGES and high turnover rates have been rippling throughout the county – and elsewhere, of course – in nearly every sector. Some of these challenges are caused as a direct result of the pandemic: health concerns, less immigration, a change in career paths after time to reevaluate and reconsider commuting and cubicle work. Some can be traced back to pre-pandemic times: aging population, early retirement, slowed working-age population growth.

Some suggest that social safety nets like the emergency income support programs put in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 have more people preferring to collect pay at home rather than work – and while in some cases this might be true (although the CERB itself ended in 2020), it might also be that staying home during the pandemic was preferred or required for health reasons, or that the CERB's \$500 per week was more than some jobs offered, without the added stress of also having to arrange for costly childcare and pay for vehicle maintenance and high gas prices, too.

For years, a shift – in part generational – has seen many in the workforce looking for equitable pay, health

benefits, flexible working arrangements and purposeful work. In Haliburton County, employees must also balance the challenges of rural life even as the pandemic continues.

Over the past few months, several discussions have taken place at county council meetings and Haliburton County Public Library board meetings about policies to support employees at work, and have been refreshing to hear.

Policies now in place enable staff who can work from home to do so on an occasional or emergency basis, providing greater freedom and comfort for employees who opt to work outside of the office, without diminishing productivity – for some, productivity increases.

Seeing the need to offer an increased gas mileage rate from 45 cents to 61 cents per kilometre as per the Canada Revenue Agency's recommendation helps those using their own vehicle during work hours to do that work, even as gas prices

increase.

Last month, the library began offering sick leave to part-time staff. The benefit enables employees the opportunity to stay home rather than coming to work sick, give care to others at home who might need it, or attend medical appointments as needed.

While the HCPL, as an employer, is not required under the Employment Standards Act to offer sick leave benefits for part-time staff, doing so shows an effort to care for staff's health, and also respects the different needs all employees might have, relieving pressure for those who might have stresses outside of work to think on as so many do.

Lack of both public and personal transportation in the county has been a barrier for people to access services – and work – but last week, the county agreed on a pilot transportation program to

help people access training programs (and also social services and health facilities). The hope is that more people will have access to training, and therefore, access to employment, a win-win for employers and employees alike. Ideally this will lead to greater rural transportation options, making employment throughout the county easier to get to for those who don't



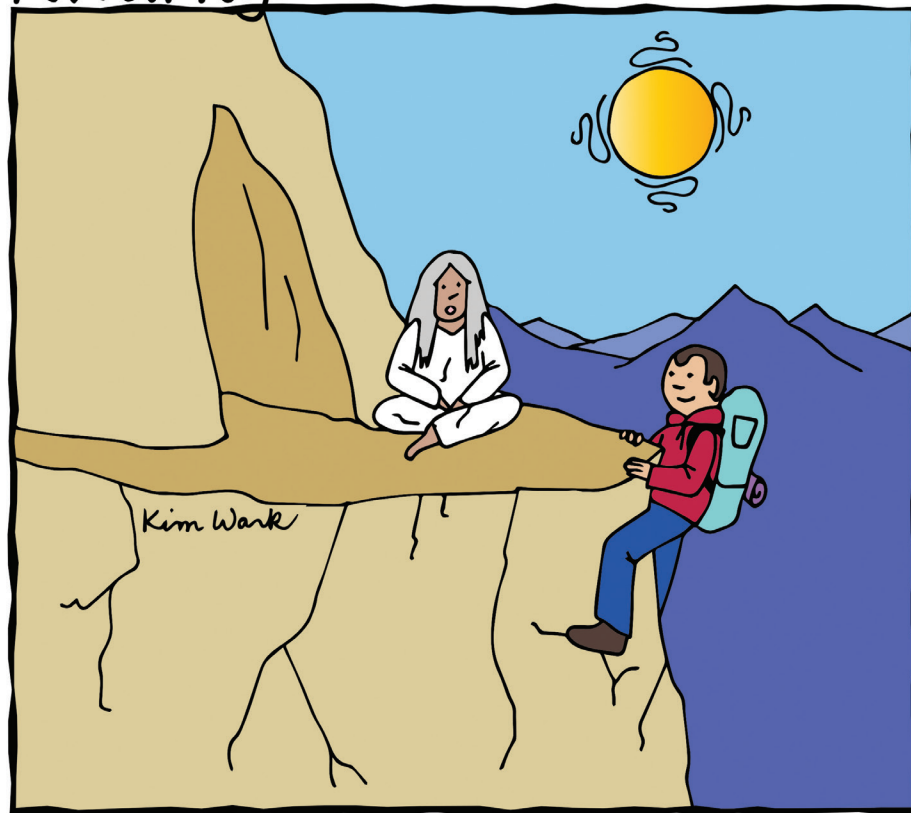
SUE TIFFIN
Editor

have reliable or affordable access to transportation.

While it's not possible for every employer to, say, raise wages (government wage subsidies would help), looking at benefits that can be offered to enable best working conditions is important. Employers can adapt in whatever way they can to the changing needs and interests of employees by listening and developing empathy for their needs: ensuring they are offering a living wage and equitable pay, flexible work hours if possible, meaningful work, and the opportunity for a balanced life with happiness at home and at work.

We can't simply blame essential social safety nets without looking at all of the complex reasons people are choosing to resign, including looking at ways the past two years have been difficult for each other, and working to put solutions in place to make life better for employers and employees alike.

Kwarky



"Before Covid I was germ-fearing obsessive compulsive. Now I'm a visionary."

How to be a great turkey hunter

ONE OF the questions I get asked most often this time of year is: "Hey Steve, how did you become such a great turkey hunter?"

This is the kind of question you frequently hear if you spend a lot of time alone.

You would think that the short answer would be I spend a lot of time in the field and have had many years of experience. But that would be wrong. The truth is becoming a great turkey hunter isn't as difficult as many people make it out to be. Not if you are privy to the Great Turkey Hunter's Code.

If you have not heard of this, don't fret.

It was not taught in the old wild turkey hunting courses, or even in the Ontario Hunter Education Program. I'm guessing that's because it would be bad for the morale of our wild turkey flocks to know that there were so many great turkey hunters out there.

Lucky for you, I'm feeling generous. So permit me to introduce to you all the knowledge you need to be a great turkey hunter.

Basically, the Code goes like this:.

Nurture self-delusion. You cannot call yourself a great turkey hunter without a large quantity of this. Without it, you will remember every mistake, bad call and missed shot.

Only remember and speak of your successes. Don't have any? Then remember someone else's successes and the pivotal role you played in it. For example, when you scared a big gobbler away from your decoys to the hunter two fields over, tell everyone you put the bird on him because "I've shot enough birds and that guy is still new at it." This works best if you dry your eyes first.

Refer to any turkey that fooled you as "A cagey old Tom" even if they were "A dumb-as-a-post jake."

Don't demonstrate turkey calling in front of others. But if someone overhears you, explain that all the sour notes you expel are a regional dialect used by the cagey tom you are targeting.

Take blurry photos of any jake or dark stump you pose with. Then tell everyone it's a tom and the photo doesn't do it justice.

Blame every miss on the shotshell, intervening vegetation or the Matrix.

Always hunt alone or with a friend you have something incriminating on.

Remember the last time you shot a turkey as if it were just last year – and not 1982.

Tell everyone you often call birds in just to let them walk away. (Try to do this with a straight face.)

Become proficient at Photoshop.

Attribute every missed shot to scaring off a coyote.

If you do not tag a turkey, say there are not many in the area and you decided to help the local population by passing up every opportunity.

Never call. Instead doze off with your back to a tree. Then wake up and shoot the dumb bird that's feeding in front of you. After that, make up a really good story about how you outfoxed it.

Social media that same gobbler from 26 angles at six different locations on four platforms.

If you follow the Code without fail, you will eventually convince others that you are indeed a great turkey hunter. Which is something you probably already know, provided you spend a lot of time alone.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A time for a change

THE CHANGES that show we have moved from winter into spring are almost complete. Most ice has gone from lakes and ponds. The woods are brown and bleak without snow.

Well, not totally brown and bleak. Bits of pale colour flicker in areas lucky enough to have young beech trees.

These beeches stubbornly refused to drop their leaves last autumn and held them tightly to their branches throughout the brutal winter. Their blanched and shrivelled bodies dance in the breeze, fake signs of life in the still sleeping forest.

Juvenile beeches, and some young oaks and hornbeam, don't turn off the sap flow to their leaves in the fall. Most trees do, allowing a blocking layer of cells to form between the leaves and their branches, causing the leaves to die and fall.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

No one seems to know exactly why these juvenile trees don't follow the usual process and insist on keeping their withering leaves in winter. They finally drop them in spring when new leaf bud growth forces the old leaves off their branches.

There doesn't seem to be any advantage to holding on to leaves in winter. It's almost as if these young beeches simply don't want to accept change.

Watching the wilted leaves flutter aimlessly in the breeze starts me thinking about the state of our human world. We need so many changes, yet like the young beeches we stubbornly hold on to old thinking, refusing to accept change.

We won't get needed change until we confront our leadership issues. Recent years have seen failed leadership throughout the world.

COVID-19 and conflicts like Putin's war have brought failed leadership clearly into focus. We have somewhat okay, but mediocre, leaders like U.S. president Joe Biden, Canada's Justin Trudeau, and the clownish Boris Johnson of Britain.

Decent enough folks, but not the strong, decisive leaders we need for these critical times of armed conflicts, climate change, infectious disease, food insecurity and refugee crises.

It is our own fault. We have the leaders we deserve. We continue to elect them through a political party system no longer suitable for the times.

Our political party system is based on ideologies - my party's thinking is better than yours. Yours stinks, so elect ours.

We need to elect leaders who take the best thinking from wherever they can and build policies that change the serious problems facing our world. Leaders not beholden to any party or ideology. Leaders who do not fear making decisions that might cost them votes.

Ukraine has provided an example of the type of leadership we need here. Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses his people unshaven and in a T-shirt. He is genuine, saying what he is thinking, not what he thinks others might want to hear.

When Biden offered to evacuate him from his war-ravaged country, Zelenskyy replied: "I need ammunition, not a ride."

Effective leaders speak plainly, but forcefully, unafraid to talk about their dreams and their mistakes. And, they just don't talk about wrongs that need to be righted - they push ahead to fix them.

Easter weekend provided an example of a leader making difficult change despite vigorous opposition from those opposed to change.

On television was the 1968 religious movie *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, in which Anthony Quinn plays the newly-elected Pope Kiril who shocks the Catholic Church hierarchy by announcing that all the church's wealth, including its art treasures, will be turned over to help feed starving people.

Pope Kiril's shocking decision to make change, instead of just talking about it, is pure Hollywood fiction. Fiction, but food for thought.

Our society and election processes have become so tribal it is almost impossible to accomplish any important change. We need to change our thinking about leaders and how we elect them.

Shocking as it may seem, maybe it's time to toss out the political system that provides leadership and governance based on the thinking favoured by one group of people.

We are all in this together and working together to elect honest, authentic and decisive leaders is the only way we will achieve the changes needed to solve the world's problems.

letters to the editor

AJG a 'proud institution'

To the Editor,

I was recently informed that Laurie Carmount is no longer working at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and that there is debate over how the space will now be financed and managed. For 20 years, I forged a great relationship with Laurie and the gallery. I have had four exhibitions, given talks and workshops there. Due to the gallery's connection with the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), I have been able to apply for Exhibition Assistance grants to assist with financing these and other shows.

I have been approached by several others with similar concerns to my own and informed that they would have an opportunity to speak to the Minden Hills council about this on April 28.

Last week I was told however that the council is only providing the group 15 minutes. How can they be expected to summarize these concerns in this ridiculously short period? It makes one feel certain that the council is completely uninterested in what they have to say about the gallery, its management and continued connection with the OAC.

Some say that the gallery was not connected

to local arts enough. I dispute this. In 2020, I had an exhibition there about local mining in the late 19th century that I worked on with local landowners and historians. I took an enthusiastic group of locals on a hike to the old mining sites, the inspiration for the show. Last year, my partner was in an exhibition of 20 to 30 local artists. Laurie has worked with several local artists on plein air workshops. She was building a collection of André Lapine's work, a good artist who did many works in Haliburton County.

Laurie has had to show work from outside the county to continue to receive finances from the OAC but the funding received from them likely helped the municipality with the burden of financing the gallery.

Laurie Carmount was doing a great job and the gallery was functioning well. It was a proud institution, something special in this county. Too bad the Minden Hills council is unable to see this.

Gary Blundell
Highlands East

Inflation!

To the Editor,

Last time Dougie Ford was seeking election, he rained \$20 bills on Toronto social housing residents - presumably his money.

This time he's mailing three-figure cheques

to every driver - assuredly our money. I wish I had the data to calculate THAT rate of inflation!

Fay Martin
Minden

HCPL's Nonfic Pick - April

THE FUTURE
WE CHOOSE



Surviving the
Climate Crisis

Christiana Figueres and
Tom Rivett-Carnac
Architects of the 2015 Paris Agreement

Authors Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac - who led negotiations for the United Nations during the historic Paris Agreement of 2015 - tackle arguably the most urgent and consequential challenge humankind has ever faced: the world's changing climate and the fate of humanity.

A cautionary but optimistic book, Figueres and Rivett-Carnac outline two possible scenarios for our planet. In one, they describe what life on Earth will be like by 2050 if we fail to meet the Paris climate targets. In the other, they lay out what it will be like to live in a carbon neutral, regenerative world. They argue for confronting the climate crisis head-on, with determination and optimism. *The Future We Choose* presents our options and tells us what governments, corporations, and each of us can and must do to fend off impending climate-related disaster.

A fascinating read for anyone concerned about the future of the planet, *The Future We Choose* is available in the nonfiction section at Haliburton County Public Library.



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Jamie Schmale disappointed by federal budget

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Spending what we don't have is no way to resolve the challenges facing our country said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale, as a response to the federal budget.

He contends the pledges being made in this budget are being done with the "credit card" and that the deficit is being paid down by "unexpected windfall" from oil and gas revenues.

"The price of oil and gas are up. Inflation is helping the government take in more money, but yet instead of paying off debt or getting spending under control, the government has pledged a whole slew of new programs that have been paid for on the credit card," he said.

Schmale said when you look at the interest rate the government will spend almost \$2 billion a month on interest and he said with rising interest rates that could go up.

This he said will make it so that any government will have less flexibility to deliver programs and services that people need.

More than \$31 billion is being pledged over the next five years, which included about a third to housing, in the budget delivered by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland earlier this month. This includes a tax-free First Home Savings Account, which will allow Canadians under 40 to save up to \$40,000 towards the purchase of a first home. Contributions will be tax-deductible and withdrawals made towards a purchase of a first home would not be taxed. Over five years, the support amounts to \$725 million. Another initiative to help with housing is the launch of a Housing Accelerator Fund, which hopes to help municipalities speed up housing development. It's expected to create 100,000 new housing units. It will cost \$4 billion over five years. The rapid housing initiative continues and offers \$1.5 million,

delivered over two years which is expected to help create 6,000 new housing units to assist in addressing homelessness.

Schmale said how much of these pledges that makes its way here to the Highlands has yet to be determined.

"The rapid housing initiative has not been working lately. We've actually doubled the price of housing," he said.

He added the average price of a home is close to \$800,000. Schmale said the problem is the supply.

He cited issues with misdirected funds and how inflation is hitting a 30-year high.

"So, we need to actually tackle the supply issue ... we're seeing interest rates start to rise. Put a damper on housing prices. I think most realtors are already saying that the market is starting to slow. We have an issue with the cost of building. The ability to build being a real problem. We also have a shortage of skilled trades people that we need to address as well," he said. "So, I support any measures in the budget or otherwise that show people a path to the skilled trades to make it easier for them to be part of that."

Besides encouraging people about the benefits of the trades, which includes strong income opportunities, it's also important to enable young people to consider the trades for careers while in school. Schmale said improving the housing supply could be helped by getting more people to enter the trades, but it also depends on reducing the red tape around the issuing of building permits.

"The other way is to work with the provinces and municipalities to work to speed up the timetable in which building permits are issued," he said.

He used the example of building on water when it requires different levels of government, which adds to the cost of a home.

"It can be a deterrent in many cases if you're trying to keep the price low. Yes, the shortage of labour does play into that as well. The price of material right now plays into that as well. But at the end of the day, we're

still overspending by about \$50 billion this year in the budget, which we added up over last year, and last year is up over the year before and all of it a great majority of it is done with printing money," he said.

When Schmale was asked for a solution to helping our most vulnerable, the documented and undocumented houseless in Haliburton County, he said everything stems from not spending money we don't have.

"We are printing money. We are devaluing our currency. We are basically taking people's savings accounts and making it worth less. It's great to say we can come up with a program, but at the same time if you don't address the actual problem [about] what is creating this situation it's only going to get worse, so you don't keep printing money and keep running the country on the credit card. As the economy improves and then expect prices to come down immediately and the

problems that were created because of government to automatically fix themselves," he said.

Schmale, who is the vice-chair of the standing committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, acknowledged there were things he liked in the budget.

In particular, the pledges for Indigenous people amounting to \$11 billion over six years to help with housing, reconciliation and residential school support.

"They have made a number of commitments if they follow through with, I think we'll be moving in the right track for a lot of Indigenous communities that need clean drinking water and other assistance such as measures to move away from the Indian Act. So, those are all good things which I look forward to working with the government on," he said.

50/50 draw to support the fish hatchery

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) launched a 50/50 draw on April 15. Funds raised will support the fish hatchery, the annual stocking of area lakes, walleye spawning rehabilitation programs and other HHOA activities that benefit the region's outdoors community.

"Due to cutbacks in funding, and the effects of COVID, the HHOA is seeking other fundraising avenues," said Dan Smith, HHOA president. "The 50/50 draw provides an opportunity to raise funds for the hatchery, while giving the community a chance to help support the hatchery and win some money!"

Those interested in buying a ticket can

visit bigcatch5050.ca. Fifty percent of the proceeds from each monthly draw will go to one lucky winner. The other 50 percent will be used to support HHOA activities.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association helps maintain and enhance local fisheries. Its mission is to help residents and visitors to the Haliburton Highlands enjoy angling opportunities while practicing good conservation. Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked over 700,000 fish in local lakes. For more information on the HHOA visit: <https://www.hhoa.on.ca/news>

Submitted by the HHOA



Walk for Ukraine

Haliburton's Mark Arike holds up the Ukraine flag before heading out on a 23 kilometre walk to Minden on Saturday, April 16 in Haliburton. Arike was walking to raise awareness and money for the Canadian Red Cross to help humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. The walk is part of a series of activities planned as part of his fundraising effort, which has exceeded his \$2,000 goal raised. He continues to accept donations. See the link at tiltify.com/@markcharlesfundraiser/rise-to-the-challenge-for-ukraine/. /DARREN LUM Staff



Mark Arike, right, and Rick West stand in front of Minden's Dominion Hotel and Pub after the pair walked 23 kilometres from Patient News in Haliburton, to Minden on Saturday, in an attempt to raise awareness of and fundraise for humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. "After more than 31,000 steps along a seven-hour journey, I'm ready to crash," said Arike after the walk. "It sure makes you stop and think about what Ukrainian refugees have had to endure since Russia's invasion." /Photo submitted



Killara Station's pigs grunted at guests visiting the Open House at 5205 Gelert Road in Minden on April 16.



Open house at the farm

An emu takes a good look at the guests visiting Killara Station's Open House at 5205 Gelert Road in Minden. Killara swag, dog supplies, fresh organic eggs, frozen chickens, Rebel Elixir coffee as well as goats, chickens, pigs, horses and emus were on site for visitors that day. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Welcoming gatherings, en plein air

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

"It's the difference between live music and a studio recording, not as polished but heartfelt," said Harvey Walker, artist, in describing the experience of plein air painting – painting outdoors.

Walker paints outside at any time of the year, regardless of weather and is inviting others to join him. On the fourth Sunday of every month, Walker will be at a different location throughout Haliburton County alongside others who want to join the Haliburton Highlands Plein Air Group on a casual basis – no commitment, no dues, no membership.

"If it works, come, join us, enjoy being outside and painting outside," said Walker. "What I'd like to see is even just visitors – people that think they might want to one day, or they want to sketch, or they want to just watch what we're doing. That's all valid for an excuse to get outside and enjoy the highlands for a morning."

Walker said about two dozen people are currently on a mailing list that will share a meeting date, time and place, including artists from out of town who are looking for new spots to paint. While there are en plein air painting groups elsewhere, in Huntsville, for example, Walker doesn't know of any in this area but thinks they'll be beneficial.

"A lot of time it's motivation, and that's my goal by starting the group," said Walker. "Sometimes it's like going to the gym. If you've got a friend that expects you to be there, you're going to put more effort into going. It's a lot easier to say well, it's too



The Haliburton Highlands Plein Air Group, organized by Harvey Walker, will meet the last Sunday of each month and is open to all artists to paint, sketch or just watch. The group is open with no dues or commitment, and locations will change - this one is near Scott's Dam Road. /Photo by Harvey Walker

cold, too windy, I'm not going – but if you know somebody else might be there or is likely going to be there, you might show up."

He notes that plein air painting isn't always easy, but has value to artists.

"It's totally different than sitting in a studio and putting the music on and sipping on a coffee while you're painting," he said.

"Because of that, it's more connected to the environment. You know whether the wind is blowing from the north or south and how strong it is, and how strong the sun is and if it's minus 10 degrees or plus 40 degrees, you feel it. That finds its way into you and therefore into your painting. The ultimate goal of plein air painting, whether you're doing it with a crowd or whether you're doing it by yourself, is to view the world as it actually is, not distorted by a camera. The camera does not have the same capacity to see things as our eyes do."

"And by being there and seeing it, it actually also transfers over to when you do go into a studio and paint from a photograph," said Walker. "It's not that one is a right way to paint and one is a wrong way to paint, it's an exercise at seeing things. Observation skills, basically."

Walker said all are invited, regardless of skill level.

"Every time you paint, you paint for yourself," he said. "There's no skill level required. It's not a class, there's no instruction. If you want to ask the person next to you a

question, or share tips, that's going to happen naturally. Artists are very free in saying this is the colour I just bought and I love it, or this is the type of brush I used."

Walker said spectators are welcome as well. When he's been painting on the sidewalk or in Algonquin Park, he's had people come to watch him or ask questions, and said it's a good chance to get to know people and to be able to share more about the area.

While Walker does teach courses through Yours Outdoors and at his studio in a suburb of Carnarvon, he also loves to be outdoors, whether in July or January.

"It is a little more challenging in that it's a little less comfortable but because of that, it's a little more enjoyable," said Walker. "It's the extreme sport of painting."

The next meeting will be April 24 at 10 a.m. until about 1 p.m. in the Scott's Dam Road area. Locations will be close to parking spots, a short stroll from car to site.

To join the mailing list, email harveywalker@hotmail.ca or phone him at 905-435-7785.



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2022-23 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

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Eggs were found along the trail, under trees, even on the buildings next to Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



An egg along the trail at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn. Eggs were exchanged for treats all weekend by guests to the Gelert hot spot.



Easter treats in Gelert

Diane Dawson offers treats in exchange for eggs found along the trail at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn in Gelert on April 16. The egg hunt was available free throughout last weekend, the Easter holiday. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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All smiles on the ice: Patrick Saini, Payton Schaly, Cam Kosurko, Lucas Stevenson, Oliver Tarr and Christian Cicigoi at Thursday night's game in which the Haliburton County Huskies defeated the Trenton Golden Hawks in game three of round one. /Photo by Amy Deroche, OJHL Images

Huskies take down Trenton with series comeback

Cobourg Cougars next opponent in second round

by **ALEX GALLACHER**
Special to the Times

After being downed by the Golden Hawks in game one of the series 5-2, the Haliburton County Huskies stormed back to take the remaining two games in dramatic fashion, taking their first playoff series win, as well as locking up a home ice advantage against their second-round opponent the Cobourg Cougars.

On Wednesday [April 13], a packed house of more than 500 fans played witness to an absolute classic at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The dogs fell to a 2-0 deficit after the first, coming from a Dalton Bancroft deflection and Justin Mauro breakaway. However, not wanting to let the home crowd down, the Huskies got to work in the second.

Simon Rose kicked things off at 3:08 in the second period, scoring on a brilliant shot in front of the net. Scoring the team's first powerplay goal of the season, the lead was cut in half. Just before the period ended absolute calamity occurred in front of Hawks netminder William Nguyen.

A scramble in front led to Lucas Stevenson knocking the puck in off of a Golden Hawk glove.

With less than 30 seconds left in the period, the Huskies faithful sprang to life. The building erupted in cheers, while the visiting Trenton fans were left stunned at the other end.

Trenton had penalty trouble the whole game. After the second, they combined for a total of five penalties and one misconduct.



Prior to their game three and series win, advancing them to the next round, the Haliburton County Huskies prepared to take on the Trenton Golden Hawks last Thursday in Trenton. /Photo by Amy Deroche, OJHL Images

However, the stellar Trenton penalty killing unit kept the team at only one power-play goal allowed.

The third kicked off with aggressive play and overall high intensity, but Stevenson would again find the back of the net for the most important goal of the game. Another scramble in front of Nguyen, caused the goalie to lose sight of the puck. Before Nguyen could react, the puck was past him,

which gave the Huskies a 3-2 lead and all the momentum.

The Hawks pulled the goalie and mounted an all-out assault, but goalie Christian Cicigoi stood tall and stopped everything. Not letting the two early goals phase him, the goalie from Thunder Bay stood on his head to help the Huskies stay alive and force a deciding game three in Trenton on Thursday [April 14].

Heading into Thursday, the tensions were high and more than 100 Huskies fans made the journey down the highway to the Duncan McDonald Memorial Gardens. With both teams' seasons on the line and in enemy territory, the Huskies got to work quickly. Christian Stevens lit the lamp only five minutes into the game, burying a Patrick Saini rebound to put the dogs up by one after the first. The Hawks and Huskies battled like true rivals in the second period, with ample chances going both ways. Both Cicigoi and Nguyen stood tall – with all the marbles on the line for the Hawks, who needed a big third period to keep their Buckland Cup dreams alive.

Seven minutes in and Noah Van Vliet scored an important insurance marker, with a top shelf goal against Nguyen, putting the Huskies up 2-0. A few minutes later the Hawks finally got one of their own, Tanner McEachern added a powerplay marker on the screen of Cicigoi and with 10 minutes the Hawks tossed everything they had at the Huskies.

Shot after shot, play after play, Cicigoi kept it all out. With the sound of the final buzzer the Huskies took the win and the series 2-1. The Huskies crowd was elated, but the Trenton fans were left stunned with disappointment once again.

The Huskies will have home ice advantage and had the edge this regular season, with the better head-to-head record against the Cougars. The winner of the series will claim the East Division and play the winner of the North Division series.

OJHL PLAYOFF SERIES



Haliburton County Huskies forward Nick Athanasakos fires a shot, with Cobourg Cougars defenders Adam Barone, far left, and Aaron Chiarot, far right, marking him during second round of OJHL playoffs on Sunday, April 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies lost 5-3 to the visitors. /DARREN LUM Staff

Cougars pounce on Huskies and take game one

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies found themselves in a similar position to their first round series against the Golden Hawks, as they dropped game one 5-3 to the Cobourg Cougars, Sunday, April 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Oliver Tarr got the game's first goal with less than a minute remaining in the first period, sending the packed house into a frenzy. Taking a deficit into the dressing room, the Cougars mounted a charge in the second and third periods.

The second period saw a lot of back and forth action from both sides. The teams tossed around big hits like they were shots on net, and the extra-curricular post-whistle conduct picked up. The teams chipped and chirped at each other, but the Cougars would net the only goal of the game.

A.J. Cook took advantage of a Sam Solarino penalty to tie the game 1-1, burying a centering pass over the shoulder of Cicigoi. The Huskies valiantly played out the rest of the period however, the Huskies were in for a world of pain in the third period.

In just over one minute, the Cougars scored three unanswered goals. Starting at 3:32, Devon Thibodeau beat a screened Cicigoi. Then, 43 seconds later, Zach Smith beat Cicigoi on an Adam Barone rebound. At 4:43, the Cougars added another with George Krotiris scoring on his own rebound, with a second effort.

The Huskies added two of their own as Patrick Saini buried a beautiful goal off a rebound from shot by Payton Schaly, while Schaly scored his own marker taking advantage of a rebound from a Isaac Sooklal shot. The Huskies pulled within one, but the Cougars got the last laugh. Team captain Tucker Firth managed to take advantage of his own rebound and score a nearly identical goal to that of Krotiris and Smith.

With the clock expiring, the Cougars claimed game one with a 5-3 win over the Huskies. The ramifications from the match meant the game scheduled Monday, April 18 was a do or die game for the Huskies. Despite



Haliburton County Huskies defenseman Isaac Sooklal rushes the puck to stay ahead of Cobourg Cougars A.J. Cook during second round of OJHL playoffs on Sunday, April 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies lost 5-3 to the visitors. /DARREN LUM Staff

this loss, the Huskies have a stellar record in Cobourg only having lost twice in the regular season. While the Huskies looked to avoid elimination, they hoped a repeat of the comeback in the Trenton series will be in

their future.

The winner of the series will claim the East Division and play the winner of the North Division series.



OJHL PLAYOFF SERIES

Huskies win in overtime, bring series tiebreaker to Minden

Facing elimination in the best of three series, the Haliburton County Huskies won game two against their second-round opponents the Cobourg Cougars in overtime on Monday night to push game three, which happens tonight [April 20] back home in Minden at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The final score was 2 - 1, tying the series at 1 - 1.

Goals were scored by Peyton Schaly and Sam Solarino. Stars of the game were Solarino with the game-winning overtime goal, Christian Cicigoi with 27 saves and Cam Kosurko with one assist.

The winner of the series will claim the East Division and play winner of the North Division series.

Look for the full story on last night's game and tonight's game in next week's *Times*.

- Staff



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Game two ended at the 3:28 mark of the first overtime period as the Huskies avoided elimination to take the second game against the Cobourg Cougars 2-1, tying the series. The tiebreaker - game three - will be played in Minden on April 20. /Photos by Shawn Muir, OJHL Images

In the second period, Isaac Sooklal keeps A.J. Cook in check while defending against the Cougars, who were at that point up 1 - 0 in front of the Huskies in the best-of-three game held April 18 in Cobourg.



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Christian Cicigoi was named a star of Monday night's game, making 27 saves.



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Jr. Kawartha 2022 qualifier results

Ladies doubles team of Cheyenne Degeer and Avery Bullock finished sixth, with men’s doubles Aiden Perrott and Cooper Coles finishing second while fellow Hawks team Magnum Moshenko and Colby Coumbs finished third. Ladies singles player Sofie Mills finished fourth while men’s singles player Ethan Dobson finished second. The mixed doubles team of Avery Degeer and Kara Chumbley finished fourth and Taylor Consack and Valerie Zagorsky finished fifth. The top-four advance to the Kawartha championship.



Junior Red Hawks badminton doubles player Cheyenne Degeer looks on, as teammate Avery Bullock makes a return during the Kawartha qualifier tournament hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Thursday, April 14 in Haliburton. The Kawartha championship is on Friday, April 22 at Campbellford District High School. /DARREN LUM Staff



Right, junior Red Hawks badminton doubles player Autumn Winder serves.



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A wrap on the rink

The Minden Curling Club wrapped up the Thursday Night Mixed league with a final game on March 31, followed by pizza and beer.

The COVID-shortened 2nd draw was just nine weeks long, however this did not appear to dampen the enthusiasm of the players.

Teams on Thursday nights are made up of separate Front End teams (leads and 2nds) and Back End teams (skips and 3rds).

After a full schedule, the following teams emerged victorious, with winners receiving a prime pork roast from Easton's Valu-Mart in Minden.

Convenor Wes Lytle thanked the players for their enthusiastic participation and expressed hope they would all return next year.

Submitted by Wes Lytle



1st Place Back End - Michelle Walker, Jamie Walker
1st Place Front End - Convenor Wes Lytle, Alan Chudnovsky

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Answers on page 19

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



2nd place
Back End - Mike Clewlow, Linda Litwin
2nd Place Front End - Victoria Lawson, Jim Lawson



3rd Place
Back End - Bob Barron, Meribeth Barron
3rd Place Front End - Cory Pilgrim, Angela Pilgrim

Minden's Monday mixed league celebrates the season

March 28 was the last day of Monday mixed tag curling for the league at the Minden Curling Club. The daytime open non-competitive league group, with teams set weekly based upon who signs up to curl that day, celebrated the 2021 - 2022 season together with lunch on the last day.



First Place - Dave McKay, Steve Upshall, Graz Perizzolo.
/Photos submitted by Gail Simon



Second Place - Val duManoir and John duManoir.



Third Place - Tracy Gualberto, Ron Bobbie, Dave McClory.

GENERATIONS

April homeschool bookclub

by Violet Humphries

Monthly Homeschool Bookclub, Play & Picnic will take place Friday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haliburton Museum, all are welcome!

April Selections:

6 and under: read a surprise picture book together, discuss, followed by an activity and crafts.

7 to 9-year-olds: *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Read the book at home, come for the discussion and activities.

10 and up: *The Carpet People* by Terry Pratchett

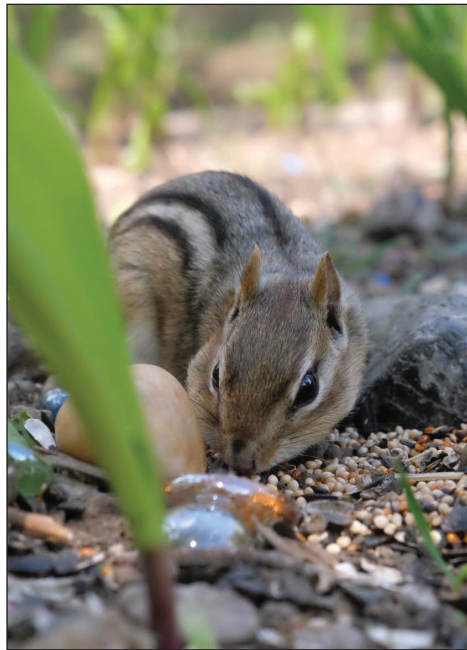
Read the book at home, come for the discussion and activities.

Growing

By Sadie Kelly

Plants growing,
stems straightening,
leaves reaching for the sky.
Becoming trees,
roots firm,
branches strong,
perfect
for
climbing.

/Photo by Olivia Humphries



Winter bookclub

"One of our families moved away this month to Nova Scotia," said Joleen Thomas.

"We've been homeschooling for roughly 10 years together as a group. They'll will be missed a lot."

/Photo submitted by Joleen Thomas



Sharing knowledge

Tristan Humphries, age 11, decided to create a D-Day project and presentation for family over Easter weekend - not for marks, but to share his interest. Tristan is passionate about Canadian Military history. /Photo submitted by Joleen Thomas

This page brought to you by Haliburton County's homeschool community.



NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions listed below must be made on the prescribed form (Form 1) and must include signatures of **at least 25 persons** (eligible electors within your municipality) endorsing the nomination on the prescribed form (Form 2) (**School Board Trustees are excluded from the 25 signature requirement**). Nomination forms are available at your local municipal Clerk's Office or on the municipality's website. All Nomination forms must be filed, either in person or by your agent, with the Clerk/Returning Officer of the appropriate municipality during normal office hours between May 2, 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day).

The required filing fee for the Head of Council is \$200.00 and all other offices are \$100.00, cash, debit, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality, and must accompany the signed forms. Full details on the procedures to be followed may be obtained from the appropriate Municipal Clerk. Please call the appropriate office to schedule an appointment to file your nomination.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED:

Township of Algonquin Highlands		Municipality of Dysart et al	
MAYOR	(1)	MAYOR	(1)
COUNCILLOR	(1)	DEPUTY MAYOR	(1)
Ward 1	(1)	COUNCILLOR	(1)
Ward 2	(2)	Ward 1	(1)
Ward 3	(1)	Ward 2	(1)
		Ward 3	(1)
		Ward 4	(1)
		Ward 5	(1)
Returning Officer – Dawn Newhook		Returning Officer – Mallory Bishop	
Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Tel: 705-489-2379 www.algonquinhighlands.ca Email: dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca		Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-457-1740 www.dysartetal.ca Email: mbishop@dysartetal.ca	
Municipality of Highlands East		Township of Minden Hills	
MAYOR	(1)	MAYOR	(1)
COUNCILLOR	(1)	DEPUTY MAYOR	(1)
Ward 1	(1)	COUNCILLOR	(1)
Ward 2	(1)	At Large	(1)
Ward 3	(1)	Ward 1	(2)
Ward 4	(1)	Ward 2	(1)
		Ward 3	(1)
Returning Officer – Robyn Rogers		Returning Officer – Trisha McKibbin	
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SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED

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Representing the County of Haliburton with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.	Representing Sector 1 – Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Hastings; Cities of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, and the Region of Durham of Conseil scolaire Viamonde.
Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, Township of Dysart et al	Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, City of Oshawa or a local Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer within Sector 1.
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HISTORY IN THE HIGHLANDS

Have you heard of the Minden Model School?

No, it was not a local school for aspiring models. We'll let Jane Fairfield explain.

In 1971, she submitted an article for the "Pioneer Days" writing contest. Published in the *Haliburton County Echo* that year, it was titled "Teaching in the Public Schools 1895 – 1902" and gave a first person account



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History in the Highlands

of the life of an early teacher in Minden. The article was accompanied by a photo of the Minden Model School class of 1895. It is possibly the earliest photo of a group of local teachers.

Jane Fairfield, nee Taylor, was born in 1878 in Beaverton. Her family moved to Minden township in 1894, settling on the west side of Mountain Lake. She became a prolific recorder of local history, submitting many stories for the Minden Women's Institute Tweedsmuir local history books.

In this *Echo* article, prefaced by the statement that at 93, Mrs. Fairfield was the last living member of the Minden Model School class of 1895, she wrote:

"In the fall of 1895 I, just turning 17, attended Minden Model School – a four month course to train for the important task of teaching the children of our early settlers.

The Model School was one room in Minden's second school house – No. 1 Anson and (No. 6) Minden – built across from the home of S.S. Peck. The first log structure was built on land on the Gull River. Dr. Curry had served as the first P.S.I. (Public School Inspector) and retired in 1895. S.S. Phillips came, building his home above Minden and serving for some six years. Mr. John English, M.A., was principal. He and his young wife boarded with Mrs. Kent whose little home stands here on the Bobcaygeon Road. Miss Delamere and Mrs. Elliott were teachers from whom we learned by example. As the photo shows there were 12 students – Mr. Palmer and Mr. Puffer were from Minden; Miss Scriber of Peterborough taught in West Guilford and married Mr. Boice there; Nellie McDonald of Haliburton went to Cardiff School and married Wm. Ennis; Altha Gould of Cardiff taught near Haliburton and married A. Dugan; Jane Taylor married Jas A Fairfield in 1902.

During our Model term we enjoyed several parties. Eighteen of us drove by wagon to Ina Scott's home near Gelert. It was a Methodist party – no dancing, no cards – but nevertheless a jolly evening. Another pleasant evening was spent at 'Cliff Cottage' Miss Delamere's home – very posh! Another evening at the Currys – our inspector and pioneer M.S. for this county. When the Phillips arrived we were invited there.

I rode in a wagon 14 miles north on the Bobcaygeon Road to my first school – Peterson's Corners – over the roughest roads I had yet seen. Entering the next morning to white-washed log walls, three windows, five or seven seats and desks of eight-foot lumber – a homemade desk, some old maps on the walls, a bench with water pail, a tin basin and a precious bit of hard soap in a saucer; the fresh towel each week provided by good Public Relations. Drinking water

**Minden Model School of 1895:**

Front row: Jane Taylor, Minden; Miss Gostlin, Norland; Altha Gould, Highland Grove; Flossie McElwain, Gelert; Phrona Haskill, Fenelon Falls; Sadie McEachern, Gamebridge. **Back row:** Lester Palmer, Elmer Puffer, Minden; Amelia Scriber, Peterborough; Lilian Delamere (Teacher), Mr. English (Principal), Dr. Charles Curry (Public School Inspector), Mrs. English, Nellie McDonald, Haliburton; Ina Scott, Gelert.

came from Brady's Lake. I was met that first day by 18 smiling boys and girls.

My first time away from home met unexpected kindness by all parents and, before the month's end, I had enjoyed supper in every home. My salary was 16.00 per month out of which I paid \$6.00 for board and room, but it was independence and happy responsibility.

The next April, I went to Essonville, 14 miles east of Haliburton. I had 45 on the roll and all classes from A-B-C to the Entrance – a very busy life for three years. Most pupils came to school in bare feet and pinafores. In those days the country teacher was an important citizen and the feeling of service and respect, even admiration, was uplifting.

We had the Inspector's visits twice a year. S.S. Phillips proved a most inspiring visitor to the little schools, having a great fund of sympathy and cheer. He arrived on morning in Essonville having walked from the Ersay (sic - Ursa?) School, the April weather proving impossible for his team. He proceeded to change his boots; the high rubbers were full of slush. Nothing daunted, he made his rounds, a change of socks carried in his pocket.

I found that I was teaching the grandchildren of the pioneers and actually living with the people who moved into Haliburton County via the Bobcaygeon Road and Gull River – in Monmouth and Cardiff via Burnt River. They had been tempted by the advertising of the 'English Land Company' – free or almost free grant land covered by lush growth of towering hardwood bush intersected by lovely lakes and streams. The county had been surveyed in 1856 to 1860 and the main roads built. The Bobcaygeon Road and the Burleigh Road ran north and south crossed by the Monck Road from Ottawa to Lake Couchiching east and west. All other roads followed lake shores where transportation shifted to the ice when the snow was deep.

After the Orange Halls were erected came log schools within walking distance which meant they were available in many parts for

only six months or nine months – closely settled areas had yearly schools.

We opened school each morning by all standing and repeating the Lord's Prayer, then a chapter from the Ross Bible (our first educational change) was read. Friday afternoon singing was enjoyed – patriotic songs mingled with children's poems and the elocution of some children amazed me. We had so little paper-work – the school register, and in the evenings lesson planning and exam papers.

Each fall, teachers met for a two-day convention alternately held in Minden and Haliburton. I remember the first at Haliburton – two nights plus six meals in The Lucas Hotel – \$1.50, and we had fresh trout for breakfast! Weekends we teachers visited adjoining schools, walking the miles. From 1900-1902 I was near Haliburton at McEvers' School, so the two miles to the village entertainment and church was very easy. We had an evening with Pauline Johnson, the [Indigenous] poetess – 25 cents – Saturday night dances in the 'new' town hall closed at 11 p.m. sharp! Dancing to the sweetest music by Kellett Brothers; 'The Blue Danube' still delights my memory. I walked three miles each way for the weekly mail – often for nothing as few newspapers were read outside my monthly school magazine.

Is it any wonder I pieced by hand a 'log cabin' quilt; my pupils helping me out with bits and pieces?

The blackboard, maps, slates, and my little stock of manuals were the only tools or aids for so-called busy work, but the essentials were truly instilled. Reading, Writing, Spelling and the Multiplication table, which I believe is severely frowned on today as a needless strain on the memory! I taught reading by the Phonetic System – it also went out of style for a time, but is now used in some form.

In the following year mail came by the I.B. & O. and was delivered to a house nearby. Newspapers became common and there were the Sunday School papers from

the Anglican Church nearby.

I've driven to these parts by car. I must say the only improvement I can see is the roads, for the old homes have fallen in, the once cultivated fields covered by second growth bush. Haliburton is again becoming a trapper's region except for the lake shores, which in some cases are like suburban city streets."

While Jane Fairfield's account of her early years as a teacher in the county portrays a woman with spunk and a stiff upper lip, there are other memories that perhaps present a more accurate depiction of life inside this Minden school house, located at the current site of Archie Stouffer Public School.

This story about the building that housed the public school, and later the Model School addition, can be found in an unpublished history of education in Haliburton County created about 50 years ago:

"...in 1873, the trustees of S.S. No. 6, Samuel Stanley Peck, James Hyde and Alexander McDougal purchased one acre of land from Ernest Dunsford Orde for \$40.00 on Lot 5 Conc. A Anson and in 1874, a new frame school was constructed. The school then became a Union School serving School Section #1 Anson Twp., as well as School Section No. 6 Minden.

This school was a two roomed frame structure originally painted red on the outside and battleship grey on the inside. There was a woodstove in the back corner of each room and so obviously there was also a woodpile behind the school. The school had no storm windows, and often during the winter, snow would blow in through the cracks. It was so cold that the children had to huddle around the stove in order to stay warm, and many of them would toast their sandwiches on the coals for lunch. The washrooms were outside, one on each side of the woodshed. Strangely enough the children didn't have to use these facilities as much in the winter as in the summer. The children sat in double desks with their slates, slate pencils, sponges and little jars of water (which they supplied themselves). When the water supply was running low, the children would just spit on their slates to clean them. There was a well at the bottom of the hill which served as the school's water supply. About 1884, a third room was added to accommodate the Model School. In 1907, this course was discontinued due to lack of interest and enrolment. Any people in the area who wished to become teachers were forced to attend Model School in Bracebridge or North Bay.

Sixty to eighty students attended S.S. No. 6 Minden, some walking as far as three-and-a-half miles to get an education. During the winter, some snow shoed to school, but most of the students walked, and wading through three to four feet of snow was no easy task. No wonder the attendance was so poor during the winter months. In later years Mr. Burt plowed a path to the school with his horses and sleighs just because he felt sorry for the youngsters..."

Jane Taylor Fairfield and her husband James lived in Minden township for the rest of their lives and raised a family of eight children. She died in 1977 at the age of 98.

As well as her memories of early life in the county, we are pleased that she shared information proving that the Kellett family have been entertaining local residents at community events for over 100 years!

AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



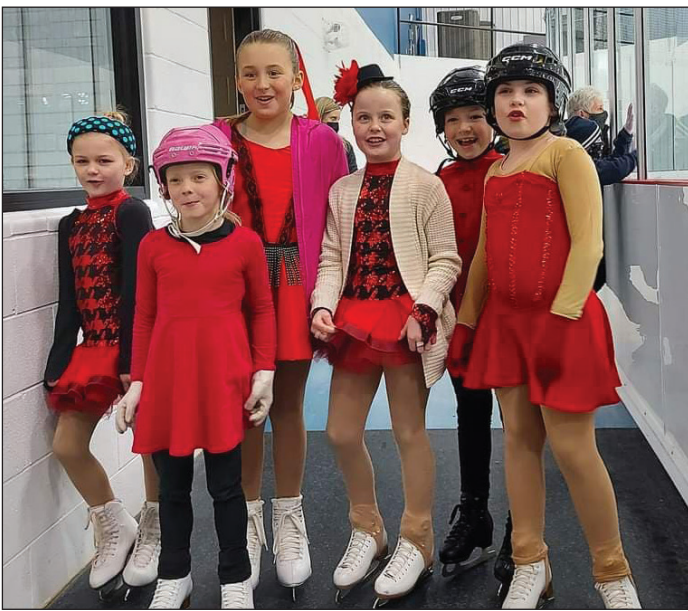
Go, Joe, Go!
Local Huskies player Joe Boice had a family cheering squad at the April 17 game at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Top row: Jamie Johnston, Sara Burtch, Dallas Latanville, Cassidy Garbutt, Zach Boice, Kevin Hamilton, Hadley BurtchMiddle row: Hailly Hamilton, Morgan Hamilton, Tanya Sisson, Doreen Sisson, Russell Sisson Bottom row:Kendra Boice, Kelly Harrison, Janine Harrison, Lisa Hamilton. /Photo submitted by Sara Burtch



Social, tasty Thursday night
Boshkung Social and EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails collaborated for an evening of cheese and beer pairing on April 14.“So delicious,” said Lisa Reinwald, who attended the event. “They explained the cheese, meats and the beer that matched best with it.” /Photos by Lisa Reinwald



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Painting the town red
The Pre-Elite skaters at the April 8 Minden Skating Club Gala: from left, Elsie Murdoch, Rylie Miscio, Georgia Neilson, Shelby Lagace, Declan Brown and Arianna Hirstwood./Photo by Kendra Kellett



Green queens
Smiles from some of the Canskate skaters who skated to Green Acres at the April 8 Minden Skating Gala: Kinsley Porzuczek, Brynley Hughes, Ava Kulas, Azery McArthur, Wren Colliss, Grace Thomas, and Ella Hirstwood. /Photo by Cassie Thomas



Notice to Public
County of Peterborough
Union Creek Bridge Replacement
Bridge Closure – July 1, 2022 to October 30, 2022

The County of Peterborough is preparing to replace the Union Creek Bridge in 2022, located on Dutch Line Road East in the Municipality of Trent Lakes.

Due to the nature of the work, **complete closure of the bridge to all traffic** will be in place for the duration of the project.

The timelines for replacement of the bridge includes a **start date of July 1, 2022, with completion anticipated by October 30, 2022**, subject to weather constraints and other factors.

Site Plan



Project information is available on the County website at:

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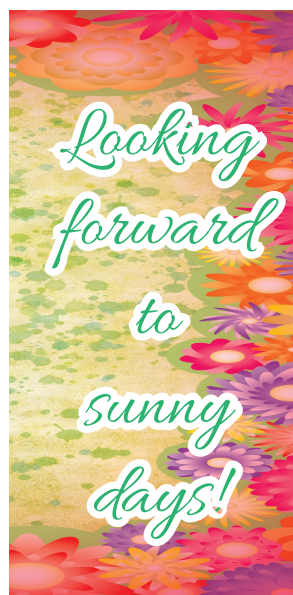
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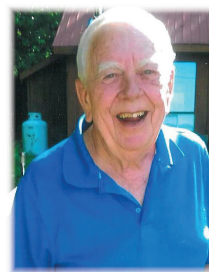
Derek leaves behind his loving wife Susan (nee Henderson), children Jay Titus (Jinelle), Tanya Titus (Will), grandchildren Jackson, Jordyn, Ethan, and Oliver. Predeceased by his parents Douglas and Caryl Titus, and by his brother Brent. He will be missed by many inlaws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and by Chelsea.

A private family celebration of Derek's life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

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It is with great sadness that we share Robert Stephen McCarey passed peacefully on April 16, 2022 at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 79.

After retiring from the Durham District School Board as a Principal, Robert spent most winters traveling to Puerto Vallarta where he enjoyed hosting many gourmet dinner parties for friends and family to share his passion for cooking. He enjoyed the outdoors and always had a hunting or fishing story to tell with others that shared his passion.

Robert is survived by his devoted daughter Kathye (Bruce), loving granddaughter Heather (Brent), and sister Cairine (Ozzie). Predeceased by his parents Mac & Hilda McCarey. Robert will be missed dearly by Pat & Ed amongst many other extended family and friends.

A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 1042 McInerney Lane, Minden, ON from 2:00pm until 4:00 pm.

The family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to all of his friends on Sandy Bay Road, and in Minden that took the time to help and support Robert. We would also like to thank the Minden Fire Department and Emergency Services, Minden Hospital & Haliburton Health Services.

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County council approves 10.1% budget increase

Ratepayers in Haliburton County will have to contend with a 10.1% increase in county taxes this year.

At the regular meeting on Wednesday, council approved a net levy to the municipalities of \$1,014,870 out of a total budget of \$1,226,665. Ratepayers in the municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden will be

required to pay 16.1% of the levy or \$163,627. Dysart et al, which accounts for 37.9% of the levy, will have to raise \$376,394 through taxes.

In introducing the budget to council, chairman of the management committee, Bill Howe, said the final results was a compromise budget which had to take into consideration the 1985 deficit of nearly \$40,000. He blamed this deficit on several factors. Due to a change in staff at the county office, the final debenture payment of the Hyland

Crest Senior Citizen's Home was overlooked and added nearly \$14,000 to county expenditures.

Bank charges and interest payments amounted to \$22,042 instead of the \$10,000 outlined in last year's budget.

A \$10,000 increase in the Hyland Crest deficit, an added \$7,547 payment to the Children's Aid Society and \$13,000 in extra costs in road construction and maintenance, all contributed to the overall 1985 deficit.

While expenditures were greater than anticipated Howe pointed out the county gained through additional revenue. Due to a change in the funding formula, the Haliburton County Library received an extra \$35,000 in funding from the provincial government. The provincial grant is now based on the number of households

rather than on population.

In an attempt to hold the increase below 10%, Howe said most committees received less funds than requested. The management committee did decide to increase the amounts paid to council members for their attendance at meetings. Members will receive \$75 per council meeting, up from \$55 and \$40 for committee meetings, an increase of \$10. With the elimination of three deputy reeves from council, the increase in individual member fees will only amount to a small overall increase, Howe said.

He pointed out the council members have not had a raise since 1977, so the increase amounts to only 2% per year.

Howe told council the management committee will be meeting more frequently in 1986 to monitor the budget, but will also be studying the increase in banking and interest charges. The increase was due to the amalgamation of accounts Howe said. Dysart et al deputy reeve Bill Davis, suggested the county follow the example of his municipality and "shop around" for a better deal. Davis also said that while he would endorse the budget, he had mixed emotions about approving a raise in member's fees during his first term in office.

Roads takes half

Just over half the overall budget is earmarked for

(more on page 3)

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The Times office will be closed this Friday, March 28, Good Friday. The office will be open the usual hours on Easter Monday, March 31.

Wintario plans Minden visit

The greatest road show in the province will be coming to Minden October 2. The Wintario television production team will be descending on the community on that date for the holding of their regular draw from the community arena.

The show is coming to Minden following an invitation from the Minden and District Lions Club. They suggested the provincial lottery authority would be interested in this venue, especially because the club is currently holding its own lottery in which the grand prize is 1000 Wintario tickets. When lottery officials heard of the club's scheme, they agreed to make the October 2 draw from here and will include the selection of the winning Lion's Club draw ticket part of the evening's entertainment.

While the highlight of the evening will be the live production of the television program, the members of the service club have started preparing for additional entertainment to precede and follow the half hour show. Local musical groups and entertainers are being contacted to take part in the show.

Those attending the evening will be charged an admission fee and will be given a Wintario ticket valid for the draw taking place that evening. That means everyone in the audience will have an opportunity to play along as the machines on stage whirr and turn, spitting out the winning numbers.

Representatives of the club are expected to announce more details of the show as time draws near for the production.



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- Flat shared driveway off municipal road



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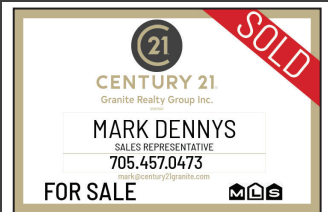
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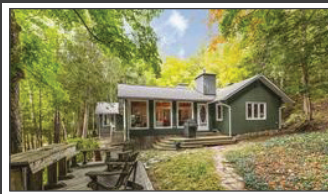
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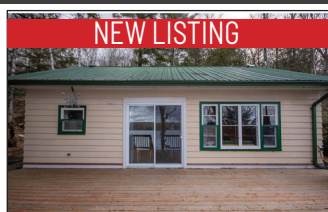
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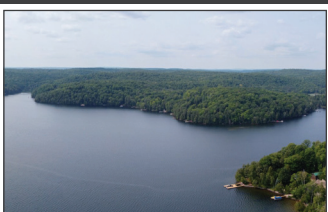
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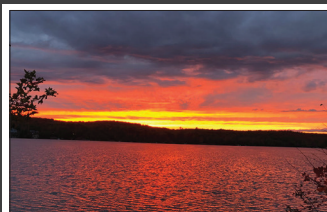
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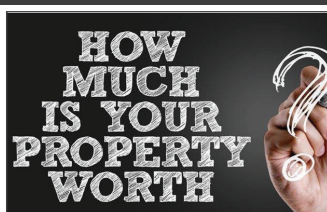
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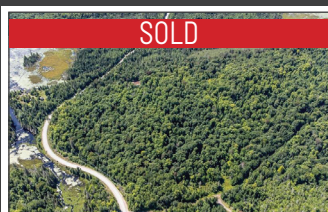
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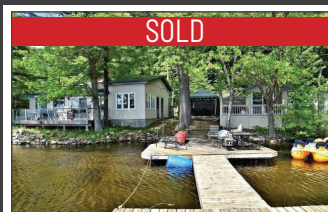
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Harburn Rd

- 17 vacant lots over 47 acres
- 1.91 acres to 4.92 acres
- Registered Plan of Subdivision
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